

Beaverhead County 2003 Count of Persons by Age, Race, and Gender

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5 to 9	480	213	5	1	9	5	0	0	8	5	30	13
10 to 14	554	266	1	1	11	7	0	0	6	3	18	11
15 to 19	807	368	2	0	31	12	1	0	13	6	37	15
20 to 24	701	333	2	1	20	9	2	1	10	5	26	10
Total	2,542	1,180	10	3	71	33	3	1	37	19	111	49

Working Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
15+	7,176	3,527	12	1	123	60	15	9	45	22	204	85
15-64	5,872	2,847	12	1	116	58	11	6	45	22	193	78
20+	6,369	3,159	10	1	92	48	14	9	32	16	167	70
20-64	5,065	2,479	10	1	85	46	10	6	32	16	156	63

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone and Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0 to 4	446	237	1	0	14	8	3	1	10	4	15	8
5 to 19	1,841	847	8	2	51	24	1	0	27	14	85	39
20 to 44	2,619	1,274	8	1	57	31	6	2	21	10	104	39
45 to 64	2,446	1,205	2	0	28	15	4	4	11	6	52	24
65+	1,304	680	0	0	7	2	4	3	0	0	11	7
Total	8,656	4,243	19	3	157	80	18	10	69	34	267	117

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003 Population Estimates
Compiled by: Research & Analysis Bureau

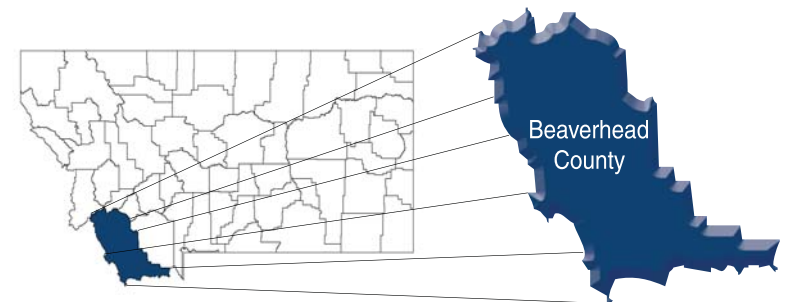
Top 10 Private Employers in Beaverhead County Listed in Alphabetical Order

Barrett Hospital & Healthcare	Parkview Acres Care & Rehabilitation Center
Barretts Minerals Inc.	R.E. Miller & Sons
Best Western Paradise Inn	Rocky Mountain Supply
Great Harvest Bread Franchising	Safeway
McDonald's of Dillon	State Bank & Trust Co.

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau Second Quarter 2004 Unemployment Insurance Information. This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state, and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.



For Beaverhead County



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Located in southwestern Montana, Beaverhead County is number one in Montana for total number of cattle and calves and has 204 beef cattle ranches (see table to the right), making the county an important player in the state's cattle industry. The cattle industry is the number one agricultural industry in Montana in terms of sales and revenues, according to the 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Information on the inside table, Employment by Industry, Annual Averages for 2003, shows government is also important to the area economy with slightly more than one-third of the total wages coming from this sector. Government wages (mainly forestry and the university) average about \$10,000 more per job than private sector wages per job.

Beaverhead County is Montana's 24th most populous with 8,919 residents, according to the 2003 U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Dillon, the county seat, is the state's 20th largest city with a population of 4,035. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, median income for Beaverhead County households in 2002 was \$30,478, compared to Montana's median income of \$34,105 for the same year. Median income is the average per household income in the county (no matter how many people live in the home); per capita income (inside table) is all income in the county divided by the number of people in the county.

The county is also home to The University of Montana Western. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865 and is the largest county in terms of area. The authors say the county name is from the Shoshone, after a rock formation shaped like a beaver's head along the Beaverhead River, 12 miles southwest of Twin Bridges. Bannack, a gold mining town, was the county seat until it was changed to Dillon in 1881. The authors add, Montana's sheep industry originated in Beaverhead County and the county's also home to the Big Hole River, famous for its blue-ribbon trout fishing.

Beaverhead County Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Area	7/1/2003 Estimate	7/1/2002 Estimate	4/1/2000 Census	4/1/1990 Census	Percent Change 2002-2003	Percent Change 2000-2003	Percent Change 1990-2000
Montana	917,621	910,372	902,195	799,065	0.8%	1.7%	12.9%
Beaverhead County	8,919	8,984	9,202	8,424	-0.7%	-3.1%	9.2%
Dillon	4,035	4,061	4,149	3,991	-0.6%	-2.7%	4.0%
Lima	231	234	242	265	-1.3%	-4.5%	-8.7%

Beaverhead County Farms and Ranches

Total Farms and Ranches	421
Oilseed & Grain Farming	5
Vegetable & Melon Farming	5
Fruit & Tree Nut Farming	0
Greenhouse, Nursery & Floriculture Production	2
Sugar Beets, Hay & All Other Crops	95
Beef Cattle Ranching & Farming	204
Cattle Feedlots	5
Dairy Cattle & Milk Production	6
Hog & Pig Farming	0
Poultry & Egg Production	2
Sheep & Goat Farming	12
Animal Aquaculture & Other Animal Production	85

Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service,
2002 Census of Agriculture

2000 Beaverhead County Commuters by Location

County of Residence	# Who Work in Madison County	County of Work	# Who Live in Madison County
Out of State	10	Out of State	69
Beaverhead County	4,126	Beaverhead County	4,126
Cascade County	20	Deer Lodge County	13
Dawson County	8	Gallatin County	8
Deer Lodge County	35	Jefferson County	11
Gallatin County	8	Madison County	58
Glacier County	5	Missoula County	8
Jefferson County	8	Powell County	9
Lewis & Clark County	7	Ravalli County	5
Lincoln County	5	Silver Bow County	76
Madison County	121	Other counties	20
Petroleum County	3		
Ravalli County	6		
Silver Bow County	59		
Stillwater County	5		
Other Montana counties	6		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Data



Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau



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Be sure to check our location quotients for Beaverhead County on the website. Location quotients are a measure of the concentration of an industry's employment in Beaverhead County relative to the nation as a whole. A location quotient generally greater than 1 indicates that the industry is more concentrated in Beaverhead County than in the nation as a whole, while a location quotient less than 1 indicates it is less concentrated in Beaverhead County than in the nation as a whole.

Resources

Census and Economic Information for Montana:

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, P. O. Box 200505, Helena, MT 59620-0505, 406-841-2740 or check out the Internet website at <http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov/>

Chamber of Commerce:

Beaverhead Chamber, P. O. Box 425, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-5511, <http://www.bmt.net/~chamber/>

Department of Labor and Industry:

Dillon Job Service Workforce Center

730 N. Montana, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-4259, <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/dillon/>

Economic Development:

Beaverhead Development Corporation, P. O. Box 848, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-5511

Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

Internet:

Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>.

For information on the Internet about cities and towns of Dell, Dillon, Glen, Jackson, Lima, Polaris, Wisdom, and Wise River go to <http://www.visitmt.com> and click on "cities and towns."

Postsecondary Education Institution:

Montana University System

The University of Montana Western, 710 S. Atlantic St., Dillon, MT 59725, 866-UMW-MONT, <http://www.umwestern.edu/>

Beaverhead County Public Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Beaverhead County High School, 104 N. Pacific St., Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-2361

Dillon Elementary, 225 E. Reeder, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-4311

Grant Elementary, 11700 Highway 324, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-681-3114

Jackson Elementary, 19200 Highway 278, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-834-3435

Lima K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 186, Lima, MT 59739, 406-276-3571

Polaris Elementary, 19200 Highway 278, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-834-3435

Reichle Elementary, P. O. Box 320097, Glen, MT 59732, 406-835-3581

Wisdom Elementary, 19200 Highway 278, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-834-3435

Wise River Elementary, School House Road, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3214

Beaverhead County Annual Average Labor Force

Year	Civilian Labor		Unemployment	
	Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
2003	4,940	4,759	181	3.7%
2002	4,833	4,645	188	3.9%
2001	5,035	4,876	159	3.2%
2000	5,034	4,835	199	4.0%
1999	5,152	4,906	246	4.8%
1998	5,161	4,926	235	4.6%
1997	5,024	4,818	206	4.1%
1996	4,945	4,743	202	4.1%
1995	4,891	4,683	208	4.3%
1994	4,739	4,564	175	3.7%
1993	4,635	4,383	252	5.4%
1992	4,497	4,224	273	6.1%
1991	4,394	4,107	287	6.5%
1990	4,289	4,082	207	4.8%
1989	4,496	4,275	221	4.9%
1988	4,758	4,512	246	5.2%
1987	4,700	4,452	248	5.3%
1986	4,648	4,376	272	5.9%
1985	4,444	4,177	267	6.0%
1984	4,398	4,164	234	5.3%
1983	4,508	4,216	292	6.5%
1982	4,878	4,584	294	6.0%
1981	4,568	4,382	186	4.1%
1980	4,148	3,990	158	3.8%
1979	4,109	3,957	152	3.7%
1978	4,144	3,968	176	4.2%
1977	3,919	3,763	156	4.0%
1976	4,148	4,001	147	3.5%
1975	3,995	3,794	201	5.0%
1974	3,986	3,835	151	3.8%
1973	3,618	3,502	116	3.2%
1972	3,529	3,408	121	3.4%
1971	3,376	3,248	128	3.8%
1970	3,367	3,237	130	3.9%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau (2003 Benchmark).

Beaverhead County Per Capita Personal Income

Year	% of			Year	% of		
	U.S.	Beaverhead	National Average		U.S.	Beaverhead	National Average
2002	\$30,795	\$23,524	76%	1995	\$23,076	\$17,081	74%
2001	\$30,580	\$22,500	74%	1994	\$22,172	\$16,638	75%
2000	\$29,847	\$21,416	72%	1993	\$21,346	\$16,568	78%
1999	\$27,939	\$20,164	72%	1992	\$20,854	\$15,566	75%
1998	\$26,883	\$19,804	74%	1991	\$19,892	\$15,317	77%
1997	\$25,334	\$18,360	72%	1990	\$19,477	\$14,698	75%
1996	\$24,175	\$17,258	71%				

Drivers' Licensing

Dillon—102 N. Washington, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-5141

Newspaper:

Dillon Tribune, P. O. Box 911, Dillon, MT 59725-0911, 406-683-2331,
<http://www.dillontribune.com/>

Public Library:

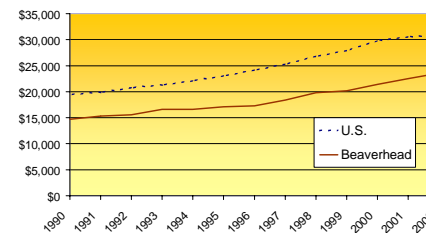
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Beaverhead County Employment by Industry* Annual Averages 2003

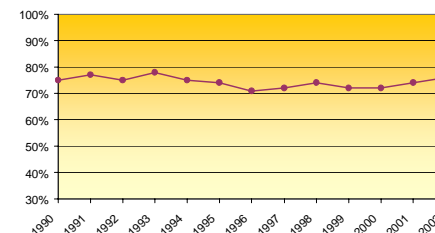
Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	489	3,452	\$82,350,551
TOTAL PRIVATE	440	2,499	\$52,526,677
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	37	205	\$3,970,298
Crop Production	3	18	\$379,375
Animal Production	29	182	\$3,530,243
CONSTRUCTION	48	152	\$3,465,093
Construction of Buildings	17	50	\$877,577
Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	3	35	\$1,144,065
Specialty Trade Contractors	28	68	\$1,443,451
MANUFACTURING	17	48	\$868,699
Food Manufacturing	5	15	\$252,993
Wood Product Manufacturing	4	9	\$196,487
WHOLESALE TRADE	18	127	\$2,570,379
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	11	64	\$1,372,165
RETAIL TRADE	59	403	\$7,089,303
Motor Vehicle & Part Dealers	6	61	\$1,462,746
Electronics & Appliance Stores	3	6	\$74,612
Building Material & Garden Supply Stores	6	55	\$1,103,565
Food and Beverage Stores	4	84	\$1,691,940
Health & Personal Care Stores	3	17	\$717,492
Gasoline Stations	8	70	\$756,869
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book, Music Stores	7	13	\$80,279
General Merchandise Stores	5	34	\$349,093
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	10	24	\$245,803
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING	10	40	\$677,074
Truck Transportation	9	32	\$670,058
INFORMATION	9	39	\$1,092,010
Telecommunications	5	12	\$704,820
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	16	150	\$5,448,095
Credit Intermediation & Related Activity	5	71	\$2,360,608
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	23	69	\$1,439,702
Real Estate	19	35	\$526,993
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	30	106	\$2,494,086
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	6	15	\$257,391
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	42	392	\$9,139,915
Ambulatory Health Care Services	28	112	\$2,196,886
Social Assistance	10	39	\$484,304
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	24	96	\$1,701,310
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	58	440	\$3,496,536
Accommodation	18	184	\$1,652,223
Food Services and Drinking Places	39	257	\$1,844,313
OTHER SERVICES	38	85	\$1,253,390
Repair and Maintenance	13	32	\$531,048
Personal and Laundry Services	7	16	\$254,175
Membership Associations & Organizations	9	21	\$139,000
Private Households	9	16	\$329,167
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	49	953	\$29,823,874
Local Government	15	373	\$8,450,584
State Government	15	336	\$11,013,424
Federal Government	19	243	\$10,359,866

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.) *This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment

Per Capita Personal Income



Percent of National Average



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released September 2004.

Summary of Major Occupational Categories by Gender 2000 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Employed Persons 16 Years and Older - Beaverhead County

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	4,478	2,401	2,077
Management, professional, and related occupations:	1,548	812	736
Management, business, and financial operations occupations:	718	471	247
Management, except farmers and farm managers	286	140	146
Farmers and farm managers	306	257	49
Business and financial operations occupations:	126	74	52
Professional and related occupations:	830	341	489
Education, training, and library occupations	306	106	200
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations:	204	55	149
Service occupations:	896	355	541
Protective service occupations:	55	50	5
Food preparation and serving related occupations	344	103	241
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	277	152	125
Personal care and service occupations	137	37	100
Sales and office occupations:	784	200	584
Sales and related occupations	276	134	142
Office and administrative support occupations	508	66	442
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	304	250	54
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations:	453	428	25
Construction and extraction occupations:	323	305	18
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	130	123	7
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations:	493	356	137
Production occupations	211	130	81
Motor vehicle operators	194	168	26
Material moving workers	68	38	30

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Equal Employment Opportunity File, www.census.gov/eo 2001.